

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the present specification, abstract and drawings (not claims) with the replacements appended hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. An elastic tape with transverse stiffening, comprising an elastic tape having a transverse stiffening strip which does not essentially hamper elasticity, wherein the transverse stiffening strip consists of a homogenous material which forms a solid connection with the surface of the elastic tape and has been applied in the form of strips.